

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DURING CLOSED SESSION HELD OCTOBER 25, 2005

DESCRIPTION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

(Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Natural Gas Anti-trust Cases I, II, III & IV, San Diego Superior Court

Case No. J.C.C.P. 4221, 4224, 4226 and 4228

This is an antitrust lawsuit alleging that natural gas transporters and marketers conspired to restrict competition in the natural gas market, thereby resulting in increased costs for natural gas and electricity for the County.

DURING CLOSED SESSION THE BOARD TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTION:

The Board of Supervisors authorized County Counsel to accept a settlement offer from Sempra Energy, Southern California Gas Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company and all other Sempra Energy affiliates for a total gross recovery of \$4,563,238 to settle all claims against Sempra in the County's natural gas antitrust lawsuit; and delegated authority to the Director of Internal Services to execute a settlement agreement with Sempra, with the concurrence of County Counsel, that conforms in substance to the terms of the settlement.

The substance of the settlement agreement will be disclosed upon inquiry by any person as soon as the settlement becomes final following approval by all parties.

The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being present.

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